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Title : IMAGE DATA TRANSMISSION DEVICE AND METHOD, COMPUTER-
READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM STORING PROGRAM FOR
TRANSMITTING IMAGE DATA, AND IMAGE DATA TRANSMISSION
AND RECEPTION SYSTEM AND METHOD

Art Unit: 2626
Examiner: Grant II, J.

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Sir:

Pursuant to his duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a), applicant requests that the references cited on attached form PTO-1449 (a copy of which is enclosed) be considered by the Examiner in connection with the search of the prior art required by 37 CFR 1.104.

Enclosed are two new references that were cited and discussed in the Office Action mailed on October 18, 2004 from European Patent Office in a counterpart application. The relevance of these references can be seen from the Office Action.

This Statement is being filed under 37 CFR 1.97(b) prior to the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

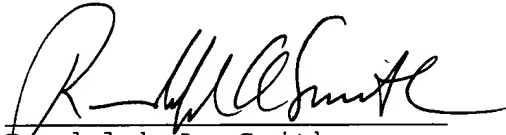
It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Concerning other two documents cited in the European office action, D1 document is U.S. Patent No. 5,084,770 and D2 document is WO 97/46002 A. Both of which were cited in the European Search Report and already filed in an Information Disclosure Statement on August 20, 2003.

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Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached at the telephone number listed below. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address below.

Respectfully submitted,

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